

## House Resolution No. 3161

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

**Whereas**, Ellen S. Downey, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, is retiring from the Mehlville R-IX School District after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible three decades; and

**Whereas**, Ellen Downey has taught Chemistry at Oakville Senior High School for the past eight years, prior to which time she served the District as a Life Science, Earth Science, and Science Concepts teacher, and as a Science Coordinator at Oakville Junior High School for twenty-two years; and

**Whereas**, Ellen Downey currently serves as the Chairman of the Science Department at Oakville Senior High School, where she has worked on a myriad of curriculum committees and served as the sponsor of the Science Olympiad Team since 1987, spending countless hours helping her students to perfect their science skills and leading them to the State Science Olympiad level nine times, the most recent of which in 2003; and

**Whereas**, listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Ellen Downey is a proud recipient of such prestigious awards and honors as the 1996 University of Chicago Outstanding Teacher Award, Missouri Scholar Academy Student Recognition Award, and the Oakville High School Teacher of the Year award; and

**Whereas**, a former Den Leader and honorary member of the Order of the Arrow in the Boy Scouts of America program, Ellen Downey looks forward to her retirement so that she can spend more time in the company of her wonderful family which includes her devoted husband, Patrick, and her two sons, Phillip and Mitchell:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Ellen Downey for her thirty years of unparalleled service to the Mehlville R-IX School District and to the education of Missouri's youngest citizens, and in wishing her the long, rewarding, and enjoyable retirement she so richly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ellen S. Downey.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sue Schoemehl  
District No. 100

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3161, adopted June 3, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker